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FRIDAY	HIGH 26 LOW 6
SATURDAY	HIGH 27 LOW 16
SUNDAY	HIGH 28 LOW 17

GROUP SUPPORT

The First United Methodist Church in Maryville will host an informal gathering for people who were residents of Carson's Apartments that recently burned down. The session is intended to give fire survivors a chance to gather and talk, and there will be professionals there for support as needed from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight.

CAREER DAY

Career Services Career Day will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Lamkin Activity Center. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to bring a resume and wear business attire. For more information and a list of companies attending go to Nwmisouri.edu/careerserv.

POKER FUNDRAISER

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will host a Texas Hold 'Em fund raiser over the next few weeks to help raise money for the Christopher Reeve Foundation. The event will be held at Bubba's BBQ and Fix'n's, with no entry fee.

The other nine regular season events begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 10, and there is a \$10 buy-in. Prizes include a big-screen television, and prizes for second and third place.

BRIDAL SHOW

The 34th Annual Sigma Society Bridal Show will take place 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, at the J.W. Jones Union Student Ballroom. Admission is \$2 at the door.

TODAY
Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY
Fall 2007 student teaching applications due in TESS office.

SATURDAY
Fiesta sponsored by Department of CTL, 6 p.m., Union Ballroom

Men's and women's basketball at Pittsburg State, Pittsburg, Kan.

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-COMMUNITY FEATURE

Endless effort?



TWO MARYVILLE firefighters fight secondary fires on Jan. 28 at Carson Apartments, a day after the initial fire that killed two people. In the following week and a half, more fires caused damage and displaced residents in two other Maryville apartment buildings.

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Firefighters face additional blazes

By Evan Young and Andrea James
Copy Editor, Chief Reporter

With the debris at Carson Apartments still smoking, two additional fires broke out in separate Maryville apartment buildings within five days of each other.

The first occurred Jan. 31 at 912 N. Walnut St.

The tenant, a cook at a local restaurant, was washing his clothes, which were saturated with cooking oil, said Lt. Phil Rickabaugh of the Maryville Fire Department.

"After the tenant took the clothes out of the dryer he folded them tightly and put them in a laundry basket. The heat was contained in the basket and the oil heated up and it started to break down," Rickabaugh said. "The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion."

The fire was contained in the laundry basket and the firefighters came in and quickly extinguished it.

A second fire started on Feb. 5 at 422 W. Seventh St. The apartment complex was once a single-family dwelling that was turned into apartments. There are six apartments inside the two-and-a-half-story building.

The fire started in the attic apartment and was blamed on a faulty heater, according to the Maryville Public Safety Department.

No one was injured in either incident, but the buildings were damaged, and the residents in the latter apartment complex had to find temporary living arrangements.

Rickabaugh said the three fires have put Maryville's mostly all-volunteer fire department

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MARYVILLE FIREFIGHTERS work together to extinguish flames from secondary fires as a crane and bulldozer demolish the remainder of Carson Apartments on Jan. 28. Firefighters responded to two other Maryville apartment fires on Jan. 31 and Feb. 5.

-UNIVERSITY NEWS

Bill sets tuition limits

By Evan Young
Copy Editor

A bill recently introduced in Jefferson City is drawing criticism from Northwest officials, despite its call for the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative's approval.

If passed, S.B. 389 would change the way Missouri colleges and universities determine their tuition rates.

Introduced by Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) Jan. 29, a portion of the legislation requires public institutions to keep their tuition rate increases at or below the inflation rate, defined by the Midwest Consumer Price Index.

The bill allows the Missouri Higher Education Coordinating Board to fine any school that increases its tuition above inflation 5 percent of its state appropriation. This money would go into the general revenue fund.

For exceptional circumstances, schools can submit a waiver to the Coordinating Board for consideration.

The measure would take effect in the 2008-2009 school year and does not apply to institutions that charge \$100 or less per credit hour.

Nodler, who is also the Senate Education Committee chairman, called his legislation a "package of solid steps" toward making college educations in Missouri affordable.

"We need to help families who are trying to pay for the skyrocketing costs for their children to earn their college degree," Nodler said in a Missouri Senate press release.

The bill also authorizes the passage of Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, which would allocate \$350 million from the sale of student loan assets from the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority to fund college construction projects statewide. Northwest would receive over \$11 million to complete construction on the Center of Excellence for Plant Biologics.

Initiative funds could be available to schools as early as April because the bill contains an emergency clause, which means it should move quickly through the legislature.

However, University President Dean Hubbard said the bill is bad news for schools like Northwest, which already keep tuition increases low.

"Institutions that have held their tuition down will be punished and those with high tuition will be rewarded. Over time, the spread will increase between the two groups," Hubbard said. "The maximums will

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-COMMUNITY NEWS

Franchise ordinance under review

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

Over \$1 million and the future of Maryville industry could hang on the definition of a single word—commerce.

A committee has been formed to see how the franchise fee ordinance should be interpreted and whether or not it includes members of industry.

This problem has risen from Aquila's practice of not billing industrial clients for franchise tax—believing that they didn't fall under the franchise tax ordinance.

The largest problem lies in defining the word commerce, which does fall under the franchise ordinance,

City Manager Mike Rietz said. The committee must decide if members of industry are also members of commerce.

"It's the notion that there has been some gentleman's understanding that industries...in the city of Maryville wouldn't be charged," Rietz said.

If the committee finds that industrial clients do fall under the definition of commerce, Sean Burge, the executive director of Nodaway County Economic Development, believes some prospective businesses may choose not to come to Maryville.

Aquila's own tax fate will be decided by the committee as well. The committee could decide that Aquila is responsible for the estimated \$1.4 million in taxes and penalties.

The \$1.4 million was accumulated by \$687,000 in unpaid taxes and \$700,000 in penalties, said Ray Carter, auditor for Taxfinders.

There are some, like councilman Chad Jackson, who feel it would be unfair to charge them for the back taxes because members of industry are not specifically named in the ordinance.

"Personally I don't feel that we should impose it because of the history behind the issue," Jackson said.

Jackson's goals for the committee are to get everyone on the same page and solve the problem quickly.

The committee's report to the council is set for Feb. 12.

CULTURALLY CHOREOGRAPHED



MEMBERS OF the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble perform at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Saturday night. The Ensemble was established in 1951 and is working on its fifth tour in the United States.

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Personal Safety Presentation at Health Center

Northwest's Lighthouse Project Director Stacy Weidmer and Campus Safety officer Kristina Hargin will discuss issues relating to personal safety and sexual assault prevention at the American Association of University Women meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, in the University Health Center.

During the second half of the free presentation, Hargin will show techniques women can use to defend themselves from assault. Anyone participating is encouraged to wear comfortable clothing.

Rendez-vous Latina Dinner takes place Saturday

Celebrating French, Latino and Spanish cultures with cuisine and music by a Las Guitarras de Mexico, Rendez-vous Latina will run from 1 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or by calling 562-1212.

mtvU now available to on-campus residents

MTV-affiliated mtvU is now broadcasting locally to all residence halls, suites and apartments on channel 95. MtvU is a 24-hour cable network featuring music and shows focusing on college life.

Dramatic Arts Program to show student-authored play

Theatre Northwest will present "What to Do Tonight?" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in the basement performing space of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Financial Aid workshop throughout Missouri

College Goal Sunday, which helps students and families with filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

For more information about financial aid or a list of locations throughout the state, go to Collegegoalmissouri.com.

I.C.E. number assists injured

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

In an attempt to increase emergency care, Northwest Campus Safety is promoting I.C.E. to students.

Standing for "In Case of Emergency," I.C.E. can be installed into any cell phone/phonebook. Instead of placing an emergency contact under the name "Mom" or "Dad," placing the number under the name I.C.E. allows emergency workers to have faster communication.

The purpose of the action is for emergency workers to have access to emergency phone numbers for an injured individual.

Northwest Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said it is very beneficial to the community at large and to students.

"If they're ever in an incident or something, it'll give those emergency responders the instant feedback to get a hold of someone and get that emergency information," Green said.

"Any time a firefighter or paramedic finds a cell phone we know who to call," Ahring said.

I.C.E. began in Europe in 2005 to promote assistance to emergency rescuers.

Filmmaker shares Enron documentary

By Andrea James, Kristin Summers
Chief Reporters, University Editor

After filming for less than a year, he opened doors behind a national scandal.

Alex Gibney, president of Jigsaw Productions, directed the documentary, "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," which unveils the truth about the energy company's accounting fraud. The documentary was the main topic of his lecture Monday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Gibney showed a clip of the documentary that shows the Milgram experiment and how it affects people's decisions.

The Milgram experiment shows that majority of people will only do something they are unsure of if someone who is a authority figure tells them to do it, according to New-left.net.

Gibney used the documentary to show that very few people who worked for Enron asked questions about what was going on with the company.

Northwest students Tristin Brown and Drew Wilson's favorite part of the lecture was the clip of the Milgram experiment. Brown said

she would like to see more advertisements for similar documentaries in the future.

Bayo Oludaja, associate professor in the Communication, Theatre and Language Department said he liked how Gibney told the audience they should be critical thinkers and to always ask why.

Lack of people probing and asking questions was what the documentary was trying to show, Oludaja said.

Before the evening lecture, students, staff and faculty had the opportunity to meet Gibney in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room to ask advice and questions about the film industry.

His Enron documentary was successful because it was a new kind of documentary.

"It plays a little bit like a movie, but it's a documentary," Gibney said. "It's playful."

Despite threats of being sued, none of the suits followed through against him with the Enron documentary, Gibney said.

Even though the Enron documentary is a serious issue, it is not somber, Gibney said.

"There's a difference between serious and somber," Gibney said. "I feel the movie is serious, not somber."

Franken to offer private rooms

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

With the new Hudson and Perrin freshmen dormitories opening at the beginning of next school year, the Northwest Residential Life office is offering private rooms in Franken Hall for upperclassmen.

"Over the years we always have students requesting private rooms," said Rose Vieu, Assistant Residential

Life director. "This allows us that opportunity to have private rooms for people since we have that extra space."

In an e-mail sent out to students on Jan. 18, Residential Life broke the news of Franken's new service.

"There won't be any renovations, there will be some perks that come along with it," Vieu said.

The cost to live in a private room Franken Hall next year is \$2,183.

Included in the package is free parking and an optional Aladine plan only costing \$600. Removal of the second bed is also being offered.

"It is a different rate," Vieu said. "Generally for a private room you'd pay the room fee and you'd pay \$600 for a private room charge."

Vieu said the room change to living in Franken would be reduced to a cost ranging \$300 to \$350.

Like the second and third floors Franken today, all floors being occupied by private rooms next fall will be a Resident Assistant falls through.

"I think it's good because there's already a couple of upper classmen levels on Franken," Fanning said. "I think I want to live there."

While the pleasure of having your own room is something to look forward to, Fanning does see advantages to having a roommate.

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However, between Franken Hall, the South Complex, Tower Suites and the Forest Village Apartments, one may wonder between the better options.

"I think it really depends on what they student wants," Vieu said. "Some people want a room by themselves and they don't really care if they're living in a brand new facility, so

Franken's going to be a great option for them."

Northwest junior Andy Dale lived in Millikan Hall his freshman year. He sees a small advantage to having a private Franken room.

"It wasn't bad," Dale said. "There's just not a lot of privacy."

Other student like freshman Amy Fanning like the new living option, especially if her desiderata as a future Resident Assistant falls through.

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"It didn't even matter where I was. Everything was suburban. We had a house with a driveway next to a house with a driveway. It was very much one place that has burned itself into my thought process; because where else would people live if not houses," Gallaher said.

Gallaher contemplates the idea of suburbia is the place that embodies all places for Northwest English Assistant Professor John Gallaher.

He is fascinated with the idea of not only living life in the outskirts of a city but reflecting back on it as well.

"I like suburbia. It is a stationary place of all places. I find that whenever I talk about something it turns back to a house, a road and the creatures that live in them," Gallaher said.

Gallaher's wife of seven and a half years, Robin, is an English instructor for Northwest.

She said his poetry captures the everyday life and it holds a different view of the world with out being pretentious.

Gallaher said this was an evocative question because World War II has taken place.

This question Reagan's quote presented made Gallaher question how we live life in suburbia. He decided that the only way to answer Reagan's, his own, question is by guessing.

"It is like we are exactly what it is. Furthermore, do we live our lives knowing we are living our lives or do we just live our lives? Oftentimes we are not reflexive enough and are not folding back on it much...The book is the constant guessing that one must go through to get to wherever one wants to get to," Gallaher said.

The concept of suburbia made an impression on Gallaher when he was young, he said. His father was a pilot when he was younger, which resulted in his family moving around a lot.

As Gallaher grew up he began to notice that even though the names of the towns and people were different, the concept of suburbia was the same.

Gallaher tries to avoid using his name as material, he said. He has two children, Natalie and Eliot, who he would rather take information and ideas from.

"I don't want to say my life or my family's doesn't exist as material. I don't write about them, I write from them," Gallaher said.

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parenthesis and brackets in his poetry to help break things down, he said.

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OPINION

-COLUMN

Editor forgives in face of death



Stephanie Stangl
Editor-in-Chief

I stop just short of entering the barren, off-white hospital room. Closing my eyes tight, I breathe in deeply one last time before turning in to see him. Maybe if I don't go, this won't be real.

What do you say to someone you aren't sure you are ever going to see again?

He turned to look at me as if it hadn't been three years since we'd seen each other; I stand back in disbelief. The man half-perched in his hospital bed couldn't possibly be my father.

His eyes were sunken in his wrinkled, jaundiced face. For 55 he looks much older than his age would suggest. He is potentially dying of cirrhosis of the liver, and I can do nothing. I reach out touch his hand and say, "It's good to see you. How are you feeling?"

At that instant, I knew that I had to forgive my father for everything he had ever done or hadn't done.

Let me regrettably admit, my parents divorced when I was seven. Shortly after, I watched Dad's solemn face look down from a Greyhound Bus as he traveled further and further out of reach. Since then he has been in and out of my life—more out than in.

There were missed birthdays, holidays and empty promises. We used to see each other most Sundays so he could play "Disney World Dad" as my mother referred, taking us out to dinner, to the park and to Wal-Mart for a few toys to make up for the fact that he was never around.

Then this summer I was talking to him on the phone when we got into an argument about money. Without missing a beat he said, "You know, I wouldn't be in this mess if your mother hadn't stopped taking her birth control without telling me."

I spent months infuriated at him. How could the perfect daddy only years ago slip me in the face with such a biting comment? He's the father who helped me learn to ride my bike, played UNO and Barbies with me. He was once my best friend, and now he tried to convince me I was a mistake.

For years I've held in so much

anger toward him and the injustice of not having a father I could rely on. But I realized this weekend, even though I may not always like him, I love my father and I need to forgive him for everything he was.

Life's too short to hold in all that resentment and it only hurts a person. So many of us walk around with chips on our shoulders about numerous things, thinking somehow if we hate someone enough or try to get even, our lives will be better.

After hours of talking, he turned to me and reached out his hand.

"How could you come and see me here and be so nice to me after I've been such a bad father to you for so many years?" he asked with tears brimming in his eyes.

"That's how I'm deciding to live my life now," I said.

I went on to explain that although I haven't always liked him, he was my father and I forgave him for everything he's ever done. You see it's not my job to get even for all the hurt he's caused because I know he did the best he could.

Instead of dwelling on the past, we vowed in those hours at the hospital to take any time we may have left together to make all the wrongs as right as possible.

Everyone deserves forgiveness. Maybe not your time, thought or energy, but they deserve to have whatever they've done to you forgiven. For peace of mind and emotional wholeness, you deserve the only forgiveness you can offer.

I can't imagine how much harder my father's potential death would be if I hadn't had the chance to tell him I forgive him and that I love him.

Whether he dies or doesn't die, whether we get to spend more time with one another or not, I've done my part, I relinquish control of the rest to God and have faith He knows what is best for my father.

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Identity not always checked locally



Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

I never thought to make sure the debit card I used at the convenience store was mine.

I signed my signature where one of my best friend's should have been.

The cashier apparently never noticed the names on the signature and the receipt didn't match. If she wasn't a good friend of mine I could have been accused of identity theft.

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the next day and three purchases later. My friend had been trying to buy things with my card and her PIN.

The bank never called her to check the mismatched signature and she said it bothers her.

The truth is the both of us were lucky that our cards fell into the hands of a person we trust very much. It could have been worse.

Suppose the server had accidentally taken our cards to the wrong table and someone else unintentionally pocketed our cards. Chances are they could have gone on a shopping spree with our money, or they could have returned it.

After I got off the phone with her mother, I started spinning when I started thinking about the purchases I had made, two of them being in Maryville. Granted, one was handing a person a card from my car to run, but the other definitely had a mismatched signature.

This isn't a chance I want to take ever again, even though we have laughed about this experience. It's changed me a lot.

I called her back immediately to let her I had signed for something just in case the bank would call to check it out.

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decisions regarding tuition, Hubbard said.

He said the legislation represents a transition of tuition setting from local boards to "central bureaucracies," which could ultimately lead to one board for all Missouri colleges and universities.

"We take it very seriously. We do everything we can to hold it (tuition) down," Hubbard said. "I have to think of the long-term future of this institution, and my colleagues feel the same way."

Another section of the bill calls for the merging of Missouri's two largest need-based scholarships, the Gallagher and Guarantee scholarships, to form the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

The program would provide need-based scholarships to Missouri students attending approved public or private institutions and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nodler said in the Senate release that \$25 million would be added to the program from the general revenue fund this year.

White said creating a single financial aid program for Missouri students is beneficial because there would only be one set of rules and regulations to follow, and that more students would be able to take advantage of the aid offered.

But Hubbard said the program is unfair to Missouri taxpayers. He said public tax dollars would be funneled to private institutions via student scholarships without any accountability for how the money would be spent.

S.B. 389 also requires two and four-year institutions to develop performance measures so the Coordinating Board can assess the schools' performance.

"In most instances it's better to let the free market rule these types of activities," White said. "It can't be done without sacrificing quality."

Currently, the task of setting Northwest's tuition rates rests with the Board of Regents. However, with the passage of S.B. 389, the Coordinating Board would have a significant influence on the regents'

Second Chance: Student tries to return to normalcy after recent kidney transplant

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter



SENIORS JONATHAN Pahl (right) and Chris Rinella visit with friends while eating dinner at the Lutheran Campus Center Sunday evening. Pahl is in his first semester back at Northwest after receiving a kidney transplant.

University adviser started talking about time off.

The two were hoping for the transplant to happen during summer, which would give Pahl four months to undergo the surgery and recover.

When that plan didn't work out, it was decided that Pahl should take a trimester off, and hope to return for spring trimester.

"Until he started having problems, I never would have known,"

adviser Carol Spradling said. "He didn't share right away, but after some time, I became aware."

Spradling, who has known Pahl since his first year at Northwest, said he never complains. She said he has always upheld a positive and upbeat attitude.

For Pahl, this is the only way to make it through such a major surgery.

"I've had a lot of time to think, and keep your mind off of it," Pahl said. "The worst thing that could

happen is death."

This might have been one of the hardest things to do after surgery though. Pahl spent five days in the hospital at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., after surgery. After that, he was transferred to a housing facility similar to a Ronald McDonald House, in Rochester for three weeks. Finally, Pahl was cleared to go home to Iowa.

At home, he laid low, tried to gain his strength back and also tried to keep up with his schooling. During his resting period, he taught himself new computer programs, so that he would be ready to come back.

Spradling, who stayed in touch with Pahl, knew he wanted to come back through the emails the two shared, and Pahl's Web site.

Now that Pahl is back at school, he is continuing classes and is a teacher's assistant in the Computer Science department.

Pahl, though he still limited in activities due to his suppressed immune system, is amazed at how much better he looks and feels. He realizes that his transplant was a treatment, not a cure, and that someday, he will probably undergo another surgery.

"It is not a fair experience," Pahl said. "But it gives you an interesting perspective on life."

Pahl had his first kidney transplant at the age of three. When he first learned about his kidney problems in middle school, he knew he couldn't drive himself crazy over it, so he chose not to worry.

Almost 20 years after his first transplant, Pahl started feeling sick again. Suspecting it was time for another transplant, he and his

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on physical and mental overtime.

"I think a lot of the firefighters are to the point where they are exhausted," Rickabaugh said.

The Carson Apartments fire was long and drawn out, Rickabaugh said. Firefighters spent some 20 hours on the job, strained by the cold temperatures and the intensity of the blaze.

However, all the firefighters

are dealing with it well due to the support of the community.

"You always wish you could do more to help," Rickabaugh said.

Rickabaugh said people need to be aware of their surroundings, have working smoke detectors and, if they live in an apartment complex, they need to know all the ways to get out of the building.

"People really need to take fire safety seriously. In a matter of minutes everything could be gone and you need to be able to act quickly."

Rickabaugh said.

One former Carson resident said she does take it seriously, and that is the reason why she survived a blaze that killed two of her neighbors, Derrick Schaefer, 28, and former Northwest student Brandon Kaut, 22.

Tess Smail, an ARAMARK employee at Northwest, said she is grateful she had a working smoke detector, as well as rental insurance, which will help replace a significant number of items.

Small normally wakes up to go to work at 3:30 a.m. That morning, however, she woke up, but fell back asleep shortly thereafter.

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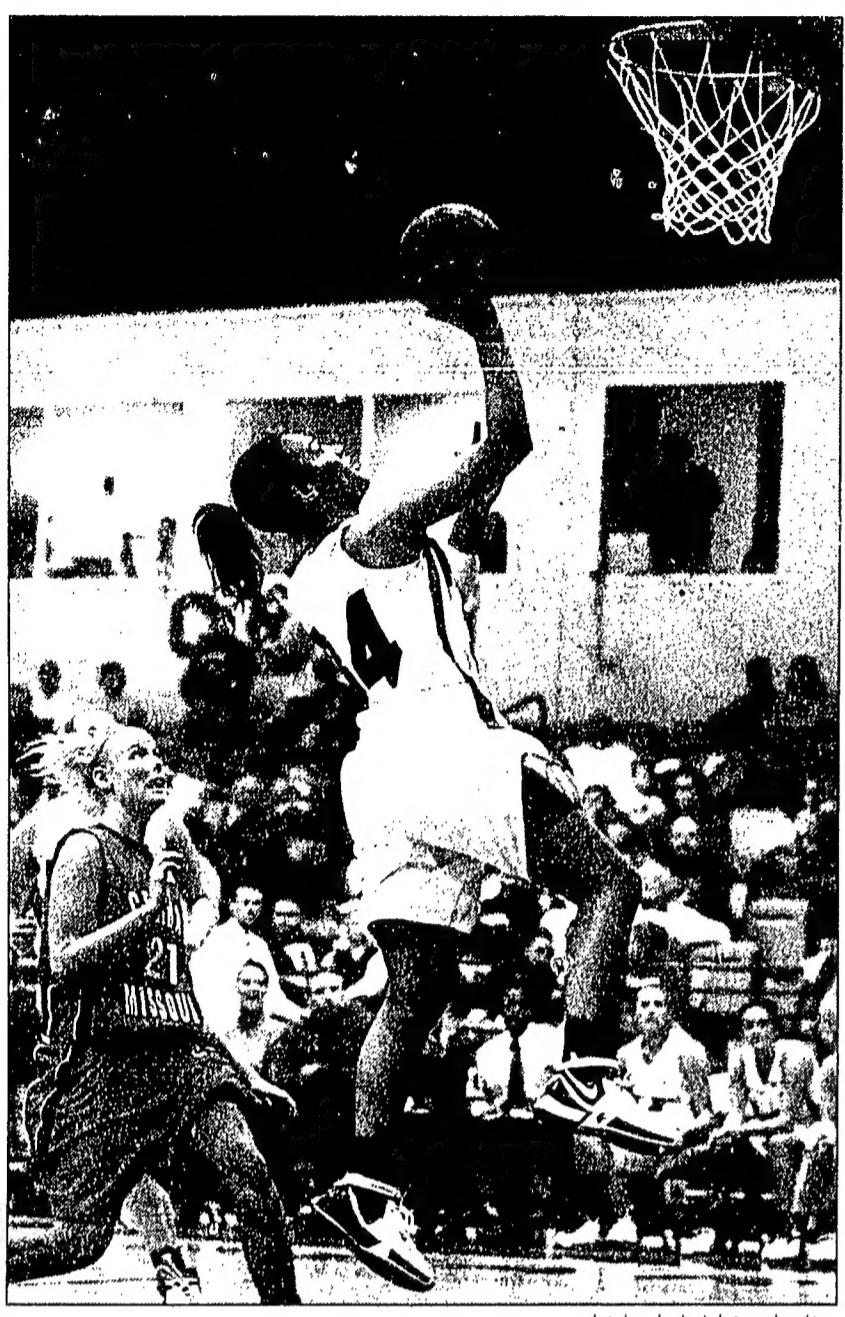
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-NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



CENTRAL MISSOURI State's Megan Schoenfeld can only watch as Northwest forward Lauren Williams goes in for a layup. The Bearcats beat the Mules 81-66.

Women face crucial point during season

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

A win couldn't have come at a better time.

A convincing defeat over Central Missouri Saturday set up the Northwest women's basketball team at a crucial point in its MIAA schedule.

After facing Truman State in Kirksville, Mo., Wednesday (results not available at press time), the Bearcats travel to Pittsburgh, Kan., for a rematch against Pittsburg State Saturday. The Gorillas defeated Northwest in Bearcats Arena on Jan. 13, 68-65.

Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said his team faces a must-win situation over the next few games. However, he knows the task will not be easy for the 'Cats.'

"Pitt beat us here, and only way to rectify that mistake is to beat them at their place," Steinmeyer said. "It's been one of the toughest places for us to play over the years. It's just been a nightmare there."

To try and overcome the tough playing environment, Steinmeyer said he is going to change a few things before traveling. Instead of staying overnight, the team will not arrive in Pittsburg until Saturday.

Along with physically containing Gorilla forwards Candice Gilbert and

Marissa Poppe, who scored 18 and 20 points, respectively, in the wins over Northwest in January, Steinmeyer said the team has a lot to do mentally to prepare for the match up. While they are not "loaded" with talent, he said the team is very well coached and has achieved some very big wins in the conference.

Hunter Henry, the reigning MIAA player of the week, said after Saturday's win that they will not back down. Henry, averaging 17.1 points and 7.8 rebounds, has won the award twice this season.

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-NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men in thick of conference race

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

After completing the upper tier of MIAA opponents this season, No. 13 Northwest finds itself half a game back of No. 5 Central Missouri.

Both teams sit atop the MIAA conference with 10 wins apiece. Northwest has one more loss in the conference.

Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said there are always coaching challenges, but in this situation, it's about "being able to handle success."

"It really tests the maturity of a team and I think we're really good about that," Tappmeyer said.

After facing Truman State, Northwest has games against Pittsburg State, Washburn, Missouri Southern, Missouri Western and Fort Hays State—with the only loss from that group coming against Missouri Southern. Three of the games will be on the road.

After traveling to Truman, Northwest travels Saturday to Pittsburg State with three out of the last four within the confines of Bearcat Arena, where Northwest is a perfect 11-0.

Tappmeyer said they are beginning to show some signs of fatigue as the season winds down.

"Everybody is a little worn down and I think we're OK that way. But I don't think anybody realizes how hard it is to get ready to play twice a week," Tappmeyer said. "It's something we've addressed. It's just the importance of being able to go on the road and get that enthusiasm."

While Northwest split the season series with Central and swept the series with Emporia State, the end of the season could prove to be a waiting game for the Bearcats.

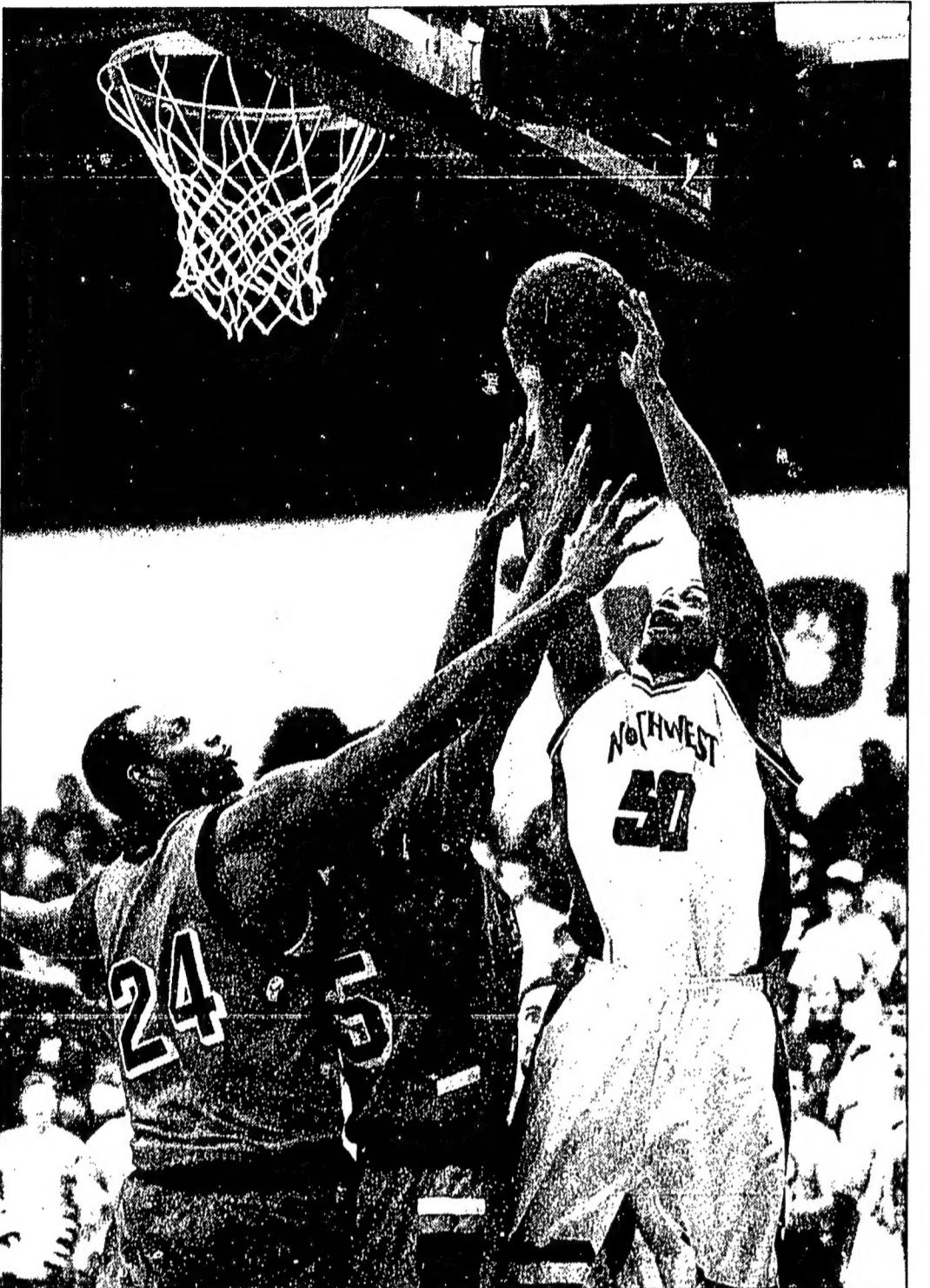
Emporia and Central have yet to play this season.

A sweep by the Hornets would benefit Northwest, should a tiebreaker ensue.

"We're fighting for the first seed in the MIAA. We're trying to go on a streak," guard Lance Sullivan said.

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NORTHWEST'S KELVIN Cayruth is double teamed as he shoots for the basket during Saturday afternoon's game against the University of Central Missouri. The Bearcats beat the Mules 82-64.

-NW SOFTBALL

Softball prepares inside for season

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest softball team is ready for the weather to cooperate.

With the season starting Feb. 17 against Lincoln in Jefferson City the team hasn't seen the outdoors yet. But the team has made the most of its situation as snow still rests on the softball diamond.

Schumacher stressed the importance of inside, Steinmeyer said. "In truth, when you go 12-16 (shooting) inside, it helps...outside shooters can't make up the difference. If we get an inside presence, we're in pretty good shape. We've just been a little inconsistent is all."

"The nice thing is we got production inside," Steinmeyer said. "In truth, when you go 12-16 (shooting) inside, it helps...outside shooters can't make up the difference. If we get an inside presence, we're in pretty good shape. We've just been a little inconsistent is all."

"We have to be up and be ready and hopefully play good," Schumacher said. "We haven't been playing too good on the road so we're a little worried."

"It's really really important—how we have to win. If we want to do anything in the postseason, we have to win."

when inside," Anderson said. "While taking grounders inside, there will be different bounces. Hopefully we don't get too accustomed to that and be able to adjust back to fielding outside."

With eight upperclassmen, the Bearcats seem able to adjust to the inclement weather. Junior pitcher Kelly Morris said the seniors are preparing everyone for the upcoming season.

"We have a good group of seniors and they are helping everyone," Morris said about adjusting to the outside. "But I can't wait to get outside."

"It's been going good and we're working hard, but we're starting to get cabin fever," Anderson said. "We've got kids who are willing to work, and we're doing as much as we can right now."

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Morris said conditioning is a main aspect of practicing inside. In addition to building conditioning for their arms, the 'Cats hurlers also live batting practice.

However, Morris, senior co-captain Tristin Brown and Anderson agree that adjusting to the field is the biggest obstacle.

"The field is the biggest adjustment for everyone because the balls take different bounces out-

side than inside," Brown said. "Brown, a second-year captain, has seen almost every angle in adjusting to game action. Before coming to Northwest, Brown was a catcher. After an injury sidelined her, she moved primarily to the outfield.

Now Brown sees time at shortstop and outfield. Adjusting to these positions, along with hitting, can be difficult transitions when practicing outside.

"My attitude and versatility have really come along this year," Brown said. "We want to win and having the underclassmen trust us is a big thing."

With some underclassmen possibly seeing some starting time, Brown said it usually takes younger players' two weeks completely get used to the outside elements.

The softball team hopes to experience some of Mother Nature's trademarks before starting the season. But if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, Lakin's dark, climateless room will have to do.

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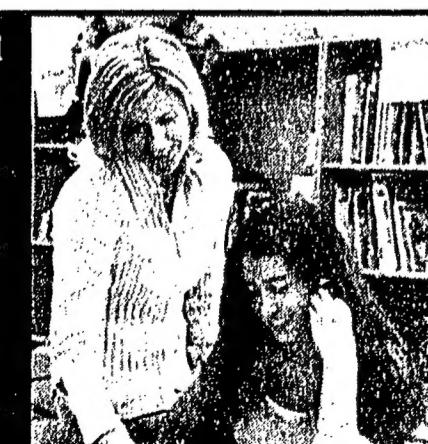
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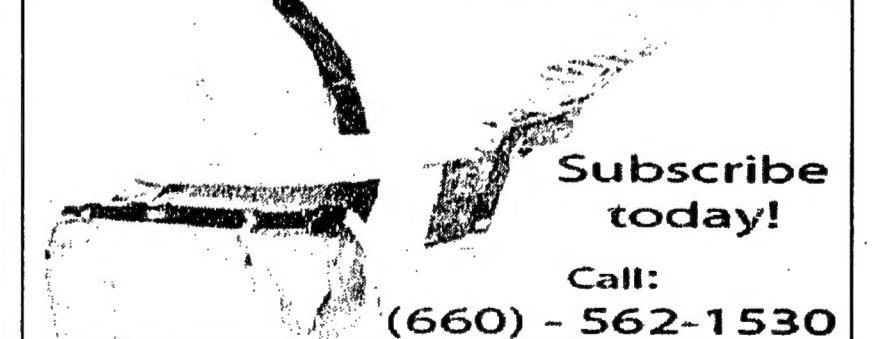
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-MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

SULLIVAN: First season means big time plays

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"Doug Karleskint really did most of the recruiting with Lance," Tappmeyer said. "Basically, he just got me the tape and we watched a few of his games."

Karleskint said he liked the leadership of Sullivan and how he controlled the game, leading the program to a state championship in 2005.

"Lance was kind of a catalyst for them. He made that team go and was the glue and leader of that team," Karleskint said. "Coach T (Thornton) always was talking about how solid his family is and how good of a kid he is."

His drive for success and ability to remain humble comes from his brother, Lucius, who played college ball at Division II Tiffin University in Ohio.

"He told me to enjoy it and go as hard as you can with no regrets," Sullivan said.

At the same time, Sullivan said his brother likes to pick at his game and tell him things that he could do better.

"If I had like 24 points, he would still tell me things that I could have worked on," Sullivan said. "If he didn't have the stats down, he'd be like 'how many turnovers did you have?' but I appreciate that."

At the start of the season, Tappmeyer had a pool of players who he was looking at to fill the other guard position with Reggie Robinson running the point.

He said he did not envision Sullivan becoming the player he is so quickly.

"We thought he'd be a solid third guard and first guy off the bench. He's just exceeded what we thought he'd be," Tappmeyer said.

The Spoofhounds went on to lose Tuesday night's game 36-59 due to a number of turnovers and the Lady Hornets' ongoing drive to the basket.

Finding it difficult to break the Lady Hornets' full court press and quick defense, the Spoofhounds scored only 5 points in the third quarter.

Head coach Grant Hageman said that once the team finds someone who can continually handle the ball with control, the girls would be on their way to success. Until then, he explained, they have to keep practicing and working hard.

Both Leah Wilmes, junior, and Jaclyn Guess, senior, proved that even though they were trailing by 20 points in the third quarter, that wasn't going to make them give up.

Together the two combined had 15 points in the second half.

Maryville's Lady Hornets lost 15 points in the second half.

At the start of the season, Tappmeyer had a pool of players who he was looking at to fill the other guard position with Reggie Robinson running the point.

He said he did not envision Sullivan becoming the player he is so quickly.

"We thought he'd be a solid third guard and first guy off the bench. He's just exceeded what we thought he'd be," Tappmeyer said.

Wilmes explained that the fact that she felt more comfortable playing during the end and that she couldn't let down coach Hageman kept her pushing through until the game was over.



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUNDS sophomore Genesee Stoll gets surrounded by Chillicothe defenders during Tuesday night's game held at the Maryville High School. The Spoofhounds lost to the Lady Hornets 59-36.

PEAKING: 'Hound wrestlers hope to qualify for state tournament

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Merrill at 140 pounds and 275-pound freshman Jason Davis, who has over 20 wins to his credit, Robertson is the only reigning all-state member on the team and will wrestle at 160 pounds after spending most of the year at 171.

Robertson has high hopes for his team's chances after their recent run of success.

"I think we've come a long way since the beginning of the year, especially these last couple weeks have been our most

improvement," Robertson said. "I think we should finish pretty strong."

While defending state champion Cameron is the host school and the favorite, Maryville is on a hot streak and boasts a dual tournament win over them in January.

Drake said his team's confidence level rises after a strong ending to its regular season and hopes they'll carry the momentum into this weekend and the state

tournament.

"Their expectations are very high," Drake said. "The idea now is we've got to get to the state tournament and we know that every one of them has a chance. We have to beat some of the exact same kids we just beat this last weekend and if we maintain that momentum and pull that off, we're looking pretty good as a group."

The meet starts on Friday afternoon and concludes Saturday at Cameron.

MEET: Men's, women's teams bounce back after taking a week off

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Relays. The women will compete today, with the men following up Friday.

"We haven't gone much head to head with those people (conference schools)," Alsip said, who also said that he's been discussing that with his team this week in practice.

A majority of the women's team hasn't competed in three weeks, but Lork said it the break was needed to work on technique.

Women's head coach Scott Lork expects to see a breakthrough in certain event areas," Lork said. "I think the jumps — long, triple and high — is an area that looks real good. We're also going to put together a distance medley team that I hope will break the school record."

The men's team

STAFFTALK

What's your best/worst Valentine's Day gift ever?

"Honestly, I've never gotten anything except for a card from my aunt," —Kristin Summers Contributing Columnist

"Pretty much as long as it involves chocolate it's good." —Tara Adkins

"It's my first Valentine's Day in a relationship." —Dominic Genetti

"My dad would buy all of us roses when I came home from school." —Andrea James

"Last year, my girlfriend gave me a cake with our picture monogrammed on it." San Robinson "Money."

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"Our first year together, he sent me fake flowers while he was deployed and I still have them in my room." —Stephanie Stangl

Sigma Society to hold annual bridal show

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

Visions of the perfect wedding can be seen during Sigma Society's 34th Annual Bridal Show.

Dresses, florists and photographers will be some of the items that will be featured at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, said Rachel Ludwig, Sigma Society member and bridal show participant.

Kim's Bridal & Tailor of Lee's Summit, Mo., supplied wedding dresses for a fashion show. There will be eight models in the show, and they each get to model four tickets.

"In between the models there will be someone demonstrating proper wedding etiquette; like what is appropriate to wear and what isn't," Ludwig said.

Other sponsors include Maryville Florists, Hy-Vee, Randall's Formal Wear and Scott Erikson Photography.

Sigma Society is also raffling baskets full of items, Ludwig said. There is about \$40 worth of merchandise in each basket. The basket Ludwig helped put together is a homemaker's kit with plates and towels, she said. Another basket will have spa items in it. The raffle tickets cost \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets.

"If you are thinking about getting married or engaged then come to the bridal show. Come watch us. It will be a lot of fun," Ludwig said.

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—Susan Espy

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Valentine's Day pointless

By Kylie McDonough
Contributing Columnist

"Well, it's that time of the year again. I need to find every piece of black clothing I own and sport it on Feb. 14. So I'm so excited I can hardly contain myself."

"It's my first Valentine's Day in a relationship." —Tara Adkins

"12 roses from a boy I didn't really like and I broke up with him a few days later." —Dominic Genetti

"A dirty look from my girlfriend when I didn't get her anything." —Cali Arnold

"I lost a pair of good earrings and I asked him to replace them and he got me cheap, knock-off earrings instead." —Evan Young

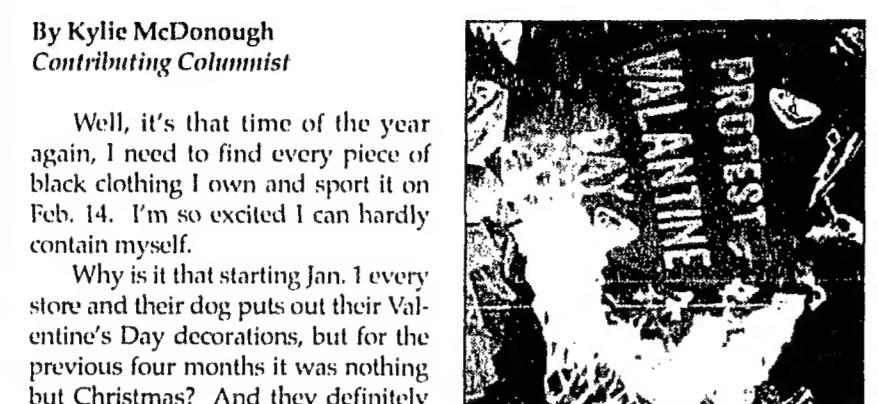
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start to annoy anyone.

My dislike of the holiday doesn't have anything to do with my name being called—because it was—every year. Granted most of the time it was from my own mother, but my name was heard over the loud speaker.

What bothers me the most is how commercialized the day is. Why do people need a day on the calendar for something they visibly have every other day of the year?

My favorite part is going out with some of my girlfriends and watching every single couple in the restaurant making out. I know you care about each other, but save that part for when people aren't around.

I haven't always hated this day. Back in grade school I had so much fun. The day before we spent half the day making our little boxes to hold our valentines in and everyone was involved and everyone got something—even those classmates of yours that you hated, but you still had to give them one.

It was the seventh grade that I started hating this day. Our afternoon announcements started at 3:05 p.m., which consisted of naming everyone that had items to pick up, in alphabetical order in grades 7-12. Sitting through 20 minutes of that will

not be a happy Valentine's Day.

Not only will I hate by those that are single, there are a lot of couples out there that despise it about as much as I do because it puts so much pressure on them. Do I get a gift or not?

So, if you see me around on Feb. 14, don't waste your breath on wishing me a happy day, because my likelihood of answering you and acknowledging your presence is very slim. Oh, one more thing, have a Happy Valentine's Day!

How to be a polite wedding guest

Don't assume that the couple knows you're coming to their wedding. You must send back your reply card before the "reply by" date.

If you have declined an invitation, you are not expected to send a gift.

If you arrive at church during the procession, you should wait until the bride has gone down the aisle before entering.

Also, don't peek through the doors to catch a glimpse of her photos.

If you are late for the ceremony, you should walk down the outside aisle and find a seat quickly and quietly.

If you are of a different faith, you are not required to participate in the

rituals, but if you want to that's fine. You must buy the couple a gift.

The gift should be something they can both use.

If you have sent a wedding gift through the mail, then you don't have to bring another one to the reception.

It's wise to give a cash gift to couples that are getting married out-of-town because they will have to ship back home and that's an added cost for them.

Many couples that have lived together for a while will not register for gifts because they have everything they need. In this case, cash in a wedding card is appropriate.

Guests pay for their own transportation and lodging.

COPLES SUBMISSIONS

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The ultimate wedding list

At time of engagement:

Buy or make a wedding organizer. Write to your close friends and relatives to let them know, unless you plan to have an engagement party.

Have an engagement photo taken. Find out the policies of the newspapers where you live since they grew up with you. Know now about engagement announcements.

Obtain any immunizations needed for the wedding.

Keep up with thank you notes as you receive gifts. It should never take more than six weeks to send out these notes.

Buy the one you love a moment of relaxation. Gift certificates available for our new massage chair.

Mon, Tues, Wed 8:00 - 5:30
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Two to four months in advance:

Purchase wedding rings and have them engraved.

Find out the legal requirements for marriage in your state and arrange any necessary blood tests and decide when you will apply for a license.

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Six to nine months in advance:

Investigate legal details such as naming fiancée as beneficiary in will and life insurance, obtaining insurance to cover joint property, consolidating auto insurance and opening joint bank accounts.

If you will need foreign money for the honeymoon, make arrangements to obtain it.

Select a wedding date.

Select and reserve your ceremony and reception sites.

Find a wedding officiant if one does not come with the wedding site.

Select attendants.

Secure catering arrangements.

Secure a florist.

One to three days in advance:

Make sure everyone arriving from out-of-town is met by someone, and know where everyone is staying.

Pack an emergency kit containing things like spare clothes, sewing supplies, aspirin, etc. to take with you to the wedding. The big day:

Make sure the best man and maid of honor sign the wedding certificate.

Help the mothers select their dresses.

Plan the rehearsal dinner. Register for gifts.

Make final checks on everything.

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Never really goodbye



CALLIE POORE and Wes Starlin attend an Alpha Delta Pi banquet December 2005. The couple has been together for more than five years and recently got engaged.

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Couple remembers special Valentine's Days despite dealing with long distance twice

By Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

They have never told each other "goodbye" despite their long distance relationship.

It's always been "see ya" because they know it's not really "goodbye."

They never get off the phone without saying "I love you" to one another.

Northwest alum Wes Starlin and Northwest junior Callie Poore have been together more than five years and recently are making a long distance relationship work for the second time.

In fact, just after the second period of distance, they got engaged over winter break.

This Valentine's Day they will be four hours apart because Starlin attends graduate school in Springfield, Mo., but each remembers their favorite Valentine's Days spent together.

One of Poore's favorite Valentine's Days with Starlin came during her

"It was funny because all day long he wouldn't let me go into his room," Poore said. "Well come to find out he was making the pot roast in his room and didn't want me to know."

Starlin's favorite Valentine's Day came when he and Poore dressed up and went to a restaurant near their hometowns.

The couple met in high school, even though they didn't go to the same high school. Because he went to a small school Starlin's high school shared some programs with Poore's school.

They started dating during her sophomore year and his senior year in high school. They hung out a few times before their first official date when they went to see "Rush Hour 2."

Distance is nothing new to them. Starlin graduated high school in 2002 and came to college at Northwest.

"We decided to stay together," Poore said. "It was really hard, but we knew we cared about each other and wanted to make it work."

The distance helped them build their relationship, Poore said.

"That (a long distance relationship) takes a lot of hard work and a lot of people can't handle it," Poore said.

Poore describes the distance as "extremely hard," but the distance makes time together special.

"I think we cherish the time (together) more, we don't take it for granted as much as if we were there all the time," Starlin said.

After she graduated in 2004 she also came to Northwest, and they spent two years together. Starlin graduated from Northwest last spring.

Since his move to Springfield they get to see each other about every two weeks, but in the meantime they talk on phone.

Poore's favorite date was their one-year anniversary when Starlin took her on a picnic in a field behind his house.

She appreciates the way Starlin treats her. "I love the way he treats me," Poore said. "He puts me on a pedestal, and every girl wants to be treated like they're on a pedestal."

He is also very determined, Poore said.

"He knows what he wants in the future, and he goes for it," Poore said. "But he still keeps me right there with him."

Starlin likes how Poore makes him feel comfortable around her family and friends and how she is comfortable with his family. He also enjoys

her ability to look beyond the present, and her laid back sense of humor.

During winter break the couple got engaged in Colorado on a skiing trip with Starlin's family. She had no idea he was going to propose. He asked her parents and her brother before the trip.

Both families knew before it happened. Poore's mother, Pam, said Wes called them before they left for Colorado to let them know what he had planned and to get their approval.

Pam admitted it was hard keeping it a secret because she knew how excited Callie would be, and they were afraid Callie's 12-year-old brother might accidentally give it away.

He didn't want the ring to be considered a Christmas present, so he got her a CD player for her car.

Starlin waited until the second day of the trip to propose since Poore had a bad day of skiing the first day.

Callie found a box a little smaller than a shoebox on the coffee table in the condo. Starlin had put the ring in four or five boxes that led to the ring box.

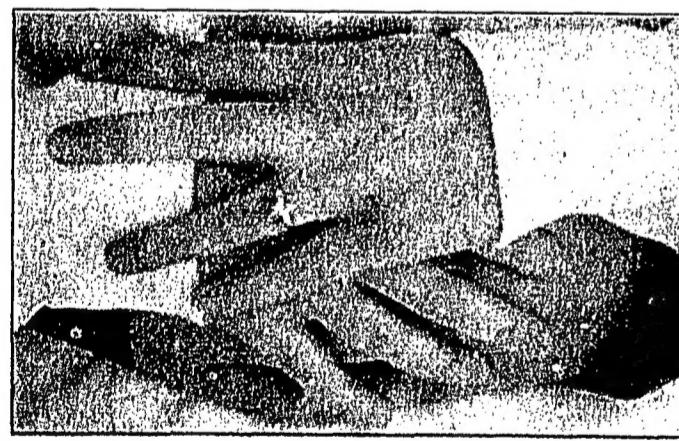
Starlin told her she had one more Christmas present. When she reached the last box Starlin got down on one knee and proposed.

Nikki Starlin, Wes's mother, said she is thrilled about them getting engaged, and thinks they have handled the distance well.

"I think that they're really committed to each other," Nikki said.

They plan to get married some time during May 2008, Callie said.

"I'm glad they have each other," Pam said.



POORE AND STARLIN got engaged over Winter Break in Colorado on a skiing trip.

high school senior year. She had a basketball game, and he was going to school at Northwest.

After the game she had to take money at a dance. When she went home Starlin had lit candles and gave her a rose asking, "May I please have this dance?"

He played the song "Now and Forever" by Richard Marx which turned into their song, Poore said.

Her other favorite one was last year. Starlin was running low on money, and they weren't going to do anything special for Valentine's Day, Poore said. She had just got out of meeting when Starlin called and asked her if she wanted to go to Applebee's.

She walked into her apartment where he was there with a pot roast he had cooked. They enjoyed a candle lit dinner.



SHORTLY AFTER Starlin proposed to Poore, the two posed for a picture in a condo in Colorado.